

# HUS HAPPENINGS

September 2008

## A Prayer for Perspective

Eternal God!

Grant us gratitude enough to look backward and be thankful; courage enough to look forward and be hopeful; faith enough to look upward and be humble; kindness enough to look outward and be helpful. Amen.



### Who are we?

From: Presbyterian 101 ([www.pcusa.org/101/101-whoare.htm](http://www.pcusa.org/101/101-whoare.htm))

"In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth praying, 'Come, Lord Jesus.'" — From A Brief Statement of Faith

Presbuteros, the Greek word meaning elder, is used 72 times in the New Testament. It provided the name for the Presbyterian family of churches, which includes the Reformed churches of the world. Both Presbyterian and Reformed are synonymous with churches of the Calvinist tradition.

In America, the first presbytery was organized in 1706, the first synod in 1717; the first General Assembly was held in 1789. Today's Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) was created by the 1983 reunion of the two main branches of Presbyterians in America separated since the Civil War — the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. and the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. The latter had been created by the union of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and the United Presbyterian Church of North America in 1958.

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"If God is for us, who can be against us?"  
(Romans 8:31)

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Doug Page
- 6 Bridget Trotman
- 7 Mike Hebert
- 8 Lovina Clark
- 10 George Swenka
- 14 Lottie Louvar
- 14 Mary Landergott
- 17 Don McDill
- 17 Kathryn Lucke
- 29 Esther Cerveny



## Ushers & Greeters



### September 7<sup>th</sup>

Helen Anderson and Pat Jones  
Marj Nejdil and Marge Pace

### September 14<sup>th</sup>

Dick & Janet Ransom  
Lisa & Brianna McAtee

### September 21<sup>st</sup>

Marlus Grimm and Eulalia Johnson  
Bonnie and Alan Tichy

### September 28<sup>th</sup>

Grace Ford and Ruby Warren  
Mike & JoAnne Hebert

## ANNIVERSARIES

- |    |                        |          |
|----|------------------------|----------|
| 2  | Charles & Bonnie Tichy | 41 years |
| 8  | Randy & Cathi Havel    | 1 year   |
| 19 | Mac & Judy McLaskey    | 38 years |
| 20 | Larry & Marilyn Hess   | 28 years |
| 28 | Mike & JoAnne Hebert   | 40 years |

"Have great hopes, and dare to go all out for them. Have great dreams, and dare to live them. Have tremendous expectations and believe in them."  
—Norman Vincent Peale











## CORRIDOR RECOVERY

Volunteers are needed on an ongoing basis.  
Go to [www.corridorrecovery.org](http://www.corridorrecovery.org) or call 319.540.4810 to sign up.

For help with your home call 319.540.4815.

### Two Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Sites are now up and running in Cedar Rapids.

They are located at Christ Church Presbyterian and Westminster Presbyterian in Cedar Rapids. They will be hosting overnight work teams from around the state and around the country. Both churches anticipate that they will be able to house around 45-50 people.

Call the Presbytery at 800.957.4389 to help/get help.



Do you own your own home  
or does it own you?

There is help:  
[www.iowamortgagehelp.com](http://www.iowamortgagehelp.com)

## A HISTORY OF HUS MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PART 10 CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.

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ADAPTED FROM A HISTORICAL TREATISE WRITTEN BY CHARLOTTE STELCIK

### THE TERM OF REV. BENJAMIN PAROULEK

A special meeting of the congregation took place Sunday, June 19, 1938 for the purpose of electing a new pastor. The Rev. Benjamin Paroulek, who had visited the church and preached on May 15, 1938, was chosen as the new pastor. His salary was to be \$1,200. Rev. Paroulek, a young man, was born in this country and spoke the Czech language with little difficulty. His wife did not speak Czech. He started work on Sunday, October, 10, 1938. He again used English in the services on the first Sunday of every month.

The life of the church was improved by the leadership of Rev. Paroulek and the attendance at services became better. He desired to bring the English language into the service gradually, so he began giving a short talk in English during each Czech service.

Rev. Paroulek started a boys' club and a girls' club, which lasted during his stay but which were discontinued at his leaving. He also organized a visiting committee to gain members for the church. During this same year, 1941, black choir robes were purchased and English hymn books were provided. The Sunday School was reorganized and Mrs. Emily Leksa was appointed Sunday School superintendent. During this period attendance of the Sunday School improved.

A new custom of combining the Thanksgiving service with the West Side Czech Reformed Church, whose pastor was Rev. Milo Filipi, was established in 1941. Hus Presbyterian Church still participates in an Ecumenical Thanksgiving service but the churches involved have changed. Each year the services are rotated between Asbury United Methodist Church, Hope Lutheran Church, Hus Presbyterian Church, and St. Ludmilla Catholic Church with each pastor taking part as well as a combined choir.

A Union of Czechoslovak Protestants was organized in Chicago of which this church became a member. In this organization the Czech churches and ministers of all denominations were united. The main purpose was to represent the Czech Protestants and to aid the Protestants in Czechoslovakia.

On April 17, 1941, rev. Benjamin Paroulek resigned, having been called to Azusa, California. Then came the task of calling in a new minister. This was solved by the election of a pulpit committee to act on such matters.

### September

- 1<sup>st</sup> Labor Day - office closed.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Youth Group - pizza night, meal at 5:30 PM, lesson and fellowship at 5:45 PM
- 6<sup>th</sup> December radio concert at 1<sup>st</sup> Church of the Nazarene beginning at 4:30 PM
- 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday School begins after worship (approx. 10:45 AM)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Youth Group - meal at 5:15 PM, lesson and fellowship at 5:45 PM
- 13<sup>th</sup> Hus Racing League (HRL) 2008 Season, Race # 8. Registration at 9:30 AM, racing at 10.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Youth Group will be at the See You At The Pole (SYATP) Rally at 1<sup>st</sup> Assembly of God (7 - 8:45 PM). Parents will need to drop off and pick up their youth at 1<sup>st</sup> Assembly.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Confirmation begins. In the youth room from 1 - 3 PM.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Youth Ministry Meeting at 8 PM at the Coffee Talk Café.
- 24<sup>th</sup> SYATP at 7 AM (start time varies by school)
- 24<sup>th</sup> Youth Group - meal at 5:15 PM, lesson and fellowship at 5:45 PM

Youth Prayer Time, Mondays at 7 PM from where ever you are.

*Times are subject to change.*

*Events not yet scheduled will be announced as far in advance as possible so you can make plans to attend.*

### Upcoming Events:

**October 1<sup>st</sup>:** Movie Night

**October 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>:** Fall Retreat at Camp Wyoming



The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is distinctly a confessional and a connectional church, distinguished by the representation of elders — laymen and laywomen — in its government. The church has a membership of 2.3 million in all 50 states and Puerto Rico. Currently there are nearly 11 thousand congregations, over 21,000 ordained ministers, 1,100 candidates for ministry and more than 94,000 elders.

### **Presbyterians are BELIEVERS and DOERS**

**WE BELIEVE** - in the Great Ends of the Church, as set forth in our Book of Order: "the proclamation of the Gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world."

**WE BELIEVE** - in a theology of mission, as expressed in the Westminster Confession of Faith: "... Christ hath commissioned his Church to go into all the world and to make disciples of all nations. All believers are therefore under obligation ... to contribute by their prayers, gifts, and personal efforts to the extension of the Kingdom of Christ throughout the whole earth."

**WE DO** - mission and its related functions in "good Presbyterian order" through the structures of our General Assembly, synods, presbyteries and local churches, which provide accountability in a connectional system. The chief agencies of the General Assembly are the Office of the General Assembly, General Assembly Council, Board of Pensions, Presbyterian Foundation, Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program and Presbyterian Publishing Corporation.

**WE DO** - mission in partnership locally, nationally and globally by prioritizing our available resources, guided by the emphases given by our General Assembly, the biannual meeting of clergy and lay commissioners who represent the presbyteries of the church. Through the General Assembly, all Presbyterians have a voice in setting directions for mission and through their General Mission Giving, have a vital responsibility in carrying out what the General Assembly has mandated.

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In the past year we have seen how well the Elders of Hus Presbyterian Church have represented the congregation. They have helped guide the church through our current season without a senior pastor making solid decision through much prayer and discernment. One of the most intensive of those was the "Child Protection Policy and Procedures" manual that was formally adopted at the July Session meeting.

Additionally, we as a congregation got to witness how connectional the Presbyterian Church really is. We saw first as Presbyterian churches came together to help when tornadoes ripped through Iowa. Then again during the floods as Presbyterian churches from all over the United States provided cleaning buckets and other supplies to help people affected by the flooding that devastated so many communities in Iowa. Christ Church Presbyterian and Westminster Presbyterian Church in Cedar Rapids and St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Iowa City continue to host workers from all over the United States through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Then four churches (Calvin-Sinclair Presbyterian Church, Christ Church Presbyterian, Hus Presbyterian Church and Olivet Presbyterian Church) showed how churches that were either too small or had been affected by the flooding could come together to have Vacation Bible School.

We are definitely a distinctly confessional and connectional that are believers and doers. I am looking forward to seeing what God has in store for us as we go into the future.

Because of Him ~ *Terry*





## “authentic faith”

2008 fall retreat



october 24 - 26



middle & high school  
register today!  
cost: \$60



for more information contact Terry!

### special speakers

nate marsceau  
noelridge park church

keith pitts  
valleyview baptist church

chris richards  
new beginnings church

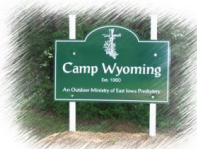
phil rogers  
st. paul's united methodist church

patrick sheldon  
cedar hills evangelical free church

terry van wyk  
hus presbyterian church



worship with



### Hus Church Cancellation / Inclement Weather Policy

We will endeavor to keep the church facility open and associated ministries operating as much as possible. There are times, however, when weather and road conditions dictate that services, ministries and the facility must be closed. The following material outlines these policies. Decisions to close (or not) are made by the following that have been appointed by Session: Marcia Funcke, Doug Page, Eldie Svoboda and Terry Van Wyk.

**Important Safety Note:** Weather conditions in and around the church can vary substantially from those in other areas of Cedar Rapids, surrounding towns, and through out the county. Even though the building may be open or an event has not been cancelled, only you can decide whether conditions in your area will allow for safe travel. Please use your own best judgment regarding travel conditions in your area.

**Posting of Information:** Closings or cancellations referred to below are posted on the Hus website ([www.huschurch.org](http://www.huschurch.org)) and on KCRG, KWWL, and KGAN. Please note that the church website should be the first place to check as it can take the media time to get the information on air and on their websites. Expect a call from a church representative **only if you have requested a personal call**. To request a call, please contact the church office (319.363.0067). If you would like to receive an email notification, please let the office know.

**Worship Services:** Closing information will be posted on the Hus website no later than two hours prior to worship services.

**Building Closing:** It is rare that we have to close the building due to weather. However, when this occurs it can be assumed that ALL ACTIVITIES and EVENTS scheduled during the period of the closure are cancelled. If the building is closed in the morning, it will likely be closed all day and evening. Hus Presbyterian Church will follow the Cedar Rapids / College Community School Districts for cancellation of events, meetings, etc. It should be further noted that the decision to close the building would not necessarily be tied to any outside organization or the closing choices made by local school systems.

**Early Dismissal/Closure:** If weather conditions deteriorate during the day, it is possible that the building will be closed for the evening only. This information will be posted by no later than two hours prior to an event or activity.

**All cancellation policies include outside groups.**

*Approved by Session August 19, 2008*

# Rotational Sunday School Exploring God's World

Hus Church Sunday School is from  
10:45 AM - 11:30 AM each Sunday

Rotational Sunday School will be learning about the life of David this fall. We'll start the lessons with the story of the anointing of David as the future king of Israel. In this story, the Lord directs Samuel to reject Jesse's seven older sons, and to anoint the shepherd boy David as the eventual successor to King Saul.

The Bible passage is 1 Samuel 16:1-13.  
The memory verse is 1 Samuel 16:7,  
"Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

**KIDS AGES 3-5<sup>TH</sup>  
GRADE WILL MEET IN  
THE SCRIPTURE  
SAFARI ROOM. FROM  
THERE, WE'LL DIRECT  
THE KIDS TO THEIR  
STATION FOR THE DAY.**

## The Stations:

Imagination Island:  
Creative Art

**Bible Broadway:**  
Drama

Movies on the Mount:  
Video

**SCRIPTURE  
SAFARI:**  
Bible Exploration

**Polar PC.:**  
Computers

THE MIDDLE  
SCHOOL GANG  
MEETS IN THEIR  
OWN ROOM WITH  
CINDY.

**Youth in  
High School  
meet in the  
Youth Room  
for  
Sunday School  
with  
Terry and Diane.**

**Adults meet in the  
Adult Sunday School  
Room for class with  
Judy! Come join in  
the discussion on the  
Book of Revelation.  
All are welcome.**

**Please contact the church  
office to get a book ordered.**



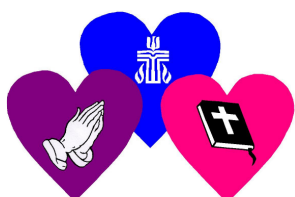
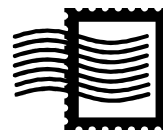
# SEPTEMBER 2008

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
	<b>1</b> Labor Day - Office Closed Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	<b>2</b> Quilter's - 8:30 AM Trustee's Meeting - 7:00 PM	<b>3</b> Wed. Meal - 5:30 PM Youth Group - 5:45 PM Choir - 6:45 PM Worship Team - 8:30 PM	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Men's Breakfast - 8 AM at Edgewood Rd. Hy-Vee Decemberadio Concert (free) at First Church of the Nazarene - 4:30 PM
<b>7</b> Worship Service - 9:30 AM 1 <sup>st</sup> service choir sings Rev. Daniel Hurt Teaching Sunday school begins - 10:45 AM	<b>8</b> Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	<b>9</b> Quilter's - 8:30 AM	<b>10</b> Wed. Meal - 5:15 PM Youth Group - 5:45 PM Deacons Meeting - 6 PM Choir - 6:45 PM Worship Team - 8:30 PM	<b>11</b> LCAE Luncheon at Oakland Nazarene - Noon - 1:30 PM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> HRL: Registration - 9:30 AM Racing at 10 AM Hus Worship Team to Mission of Hope - 6:30 PM
<b>14</b> Worship Service - 9:30 AM Pastor Mel Ramos Teaching Sunday school - 10:45 AM Special Session Meeting at Coffee Talk Café - 3 PM	<b>15</b> Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	<b>16</b> Men's Breakfast - 7:30 AM at Edgewood Rd. Hy-Vee Quilter's - 8:30 AM Session Meeting - 7 PM	<b>17</b> See You at the Pole (SYATP) Rally at 1 <sup>st</sup> Assembly of God - 7 PM Choir - 6:45 PM Worship Team - 8:30 PM	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
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<b>28</b> Worship Service - 9:30 AM Karen McCaa Teaching Sunday school - 10:45 AM	<b>29</b> Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	<b>30</b> Quilter's - 8:30 AM				

# Hus Presbyterian Church

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Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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**Hus Happenings**

[www.huschurch.org](http://www.huschurch.org)



## WANTED: CHOIR MEMBERS



**Positions Open:** Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass. No others need apply!

**Physical Qualifications:** Must be able to carry light musical note part across the sanctuary. Must have sufficient vision to see director from twenty feet away.

**Experience:** No application accepted who have not sung, hummed or whistled in the shower or tub.

**Wages:** Satisfaction and joy in God's service.

**Fringe Benefits:** Social Security (we promise you the security of social fellowship with other members of the choir).

**Hours:** Sunday mornings with occasional opportunities for overtime (at the above wages).

**Vacation:** Missed rehearsals and worship services are primarily a matter of conscience and ability to return the glares and pointed remarks of the director.

**Rehearsals:** Every Wednesday at 6:45 PM in the choir room.

**Apply:** By attending and rehearsals of the season.

**COME AND JOIN US IN MUSIC MINISTRY AT HUS!**  
**Everyone is welcome. Remember this.... if only the birds with the best voices ever sang what a quiet forest it would be.**

New  
  
Choir Members  
Welcome!